

## Alliant Route Accounting Release Highlights

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Alliant Systems released a new version of **Alliant Route Accounting (ARA)** on September 26, 2005. The following enhancements are available in the new release:

- **Enhancement - Mat Load List/Mat Volume Class** – Current functionality requires users to identify which sales volume class will be used when printing the Mat Load List from the Production Requirements screen. This made it difficult for operators that desired to have items from multiple sales volume classes appear on the mat load list. Functionality to allow multiple volume classes on the Mat Load List has been added. A checkbox has been added in the Sales Volume Maintenance screen that says "Print on Mat Load List". If this box is checked, all items for that volume class will print on the Mat Load List. The current dropdown menu under Plant Control Maintenance - > Report Opt 1 -> Sales Volume/Production Requirement that says "Mat Volume class" has been removed. (Work Order 103338)
- **Enhancement - New price type added** – Price type 14 has been added which bills the unit price times the inventory of an item. The soil count will print in the delivery column on the invoice and on the Production Requirements report. (Work Order 102915)
- **Fix - Do not increment work order number when canceling new employee or item entry** - When entering a new employee item which creates a work order, if the user canceled the entry of the employee item, it used to increment the work order number. This will no longer occur. (Work Order 103339)
- **Enhancement - (Alliant Mobile) Add the Garment Mark to the Info screen** - Add the Garment Mark to the Info screen on the handheld so it can be viewed. (Work Order 103263)
- **Fix - Improvements to speed of the Inquiry screen** – System speed was slow when viewing the Inquiry screen for customers that had many employee items (i.e. over 100). This was caused by the calculation of the average weekly sales volume for each employee item. A checkbox has been added to the screen that provides the option to calculate the average weekly volume or not. (Work Order 103263)
- **Fix - Improvements to speed of the Customer Maintenance screen** – System speed was slow when bringing up a large customer in the Customer Maintenance screen. This was caused by the calculation of the contract-to-date revenue for the customer. A button has been added to calculate the contract-to-date revenue, if needed. (Work Order 103831)
- **Enhancement – On-Demand Inventory** – On-demand functionality has been designed to eliminate the concept of circulating inventory and redefines a customer's inventory as that which is located on premise. On-demand inventory has been designed to work in conjunction with handhelds and provides the following benefits:
  - Establish desired delivery quantities of a single item for different days of the week. For example, a customer may request delivery of 100 napkins on Monday, 300 on Wednesday, and 600 on Friday. Separate unit prices and minimum usage requirements can be established for each delivery.
  - Requested Delivery – Customers may request future delivery quantities up to four weeks in advance. Requests may be either entered on the handheld or called into the office. Deliveries will automatically appear in the normal course of invoicing and will likely decrease the number of special invoices generated by the office.
  - Track perpetual inventory – Perpetual inventory is a moving number that can be used to track customer delivery and return activity. Any delivery quantity to a customer will increase the inventory. Soil counted for a particular item will decrease the inventory.
  - For more information about how to use on-demand functionality, please contact Alliant Systems.

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